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MRS. CHARLES F. CLARKE

Friends of Rev. Charles F. Clarke nd of the Fruitvale Church were reatly surprised and grieved to learn f the sudden passing of Mrs. Clarke, aturday morning, February 21. Her evotion to the work of the church nd her sympathetic interest in all he work about the Bay region had ade her many friends. Funeral ser- ices were held at the parlors of rant Miller, Fruitvale, Tuesday, Feb- uary 24, and were conducted by Su- erintendent William J. Minchin. his paper extends the sympathy of nany dear friends to Mr. Clarke and he daughter, Margaret.

OUR VISITORS

Rev. Carl Stackman, Western rep- resentative of the Church Building ociety, spent a very busy nine days with us visiting that many churches n connection with present or con- emplated building projects. Rev. Henry M. Bowden of New York is ere looking over the different types f foreign work, at least such as omes under his department. Dr. rank L. Moore of the National Home Missionary Society will be here dur- ng the month and Dr. Ozora Davis f the Chicago Seminary will be a pring visitor. In May we are to ave a visit from Dr. C. E. Burton, Secretary of our National Council.

THE YEAR BOOK REPORT

We forwarded our annual schedules or the Year Book to New York fully a week earlier than at any time dur- ng the past ten years. We show an ncrease of two churches, 625 Sunday School members and 85 Endeavorers. We show a decrease of 181 church nembers and about $10,000 decrease n home expenses.

Our additions on confession of aith (960) and by letter (733) were very good; a total of 1693. The re- novals by death (164) and by letter (536) were not so bad. These two tems amounting to 700, would have eft us with a gain of 993 if it had not been for the overwhelmingly large list of 1174 removed by revision. It requires great courage on the part of pastors to face these statistical losses but we are coming to a more solid foundation in the pruning of the past two years. It is our hope that the Easter ingatherings for 1925 will not be overshadowed by similar losses.

We have a list of 158 ministers holding their standing in the associ- ations of this conference. Only 65 of the number are in active work with us. It is too early for us to report on the benevolences. As soon as we get those schedules we will release them and show how the churches re- sponded to apportionment matters during the year.

WORD FROM REV. BUNCE

From the California Sanitarium at Belmont we get word from Mr. Bunce that the past week has shown some improvement. He sends us a book review based upon a book we sent to him from this office. It is written from the sick bed and carries the fine optimism of the man who is too ill to speak even in whispers. We wish for the best in this serious ill- ness.

REV. WILLIAM H. HANNAFORD IS INSTALLED

Pursuant to a Council regularly called for Tuesday, February 24, the delegates gathered at the Martinez Church and heard a most excellent statement of Christian experience, to- gether with a well constructed paper on his theological and social ideas. It was a refreshing and a rewarding afternoon. In the evening a delight- ful banquet was served by the ladies to the visiting guests, after which the more formal service of the installation was held in the auditorium. Devo- tions were conducted by Rev. T. Davis Preston of Benicia; the sermon was preached by President Herman F. Swartz of the Pacific School of Re- ligion; the installing prayer was of- fered by Dr. George W. Hinman; the Right Hand of Fellowship was ex- tended by Rev. Edmund Owens; the Charge to the Minister by Dr. Miles B. Fisher and the Charge to the Peo- ple was given by Superintendent Wil- liam J. Minchin. Rev. Edmund Owens was the moderator and Dr. Miles B. Fisher served as scribe. The Mar- tinez Church and its installed min- ister are to be congratulated on the present outlook for religious work in their community.

PHENOMENAL GROWTH IN C. E. SOCIETIES SHOWN

California Christian Endeavor lead- ers are rejoicing in the somewhat phe- nomenal growth this year in the num- ber of societies in the State. During the past seven months there has been a net gain of 133 Christian Endeavor societies, including all grades, Junior, Intermediate and Young People's.

Undoubtedly there are two reasons for this fine result. One is the near approach of the International Chris- tian Endeavor Convention, which will be held in Portland, Oregon, July 4th to 10th, this year, and the other is the careful attention that is now being given to the grading of societies so as to co-ordinate with the various de- partments of Bible Schools. Churches with four C. E. societies are increas- ingly numerous. Lake Avenue Con- gregational in Pasadena has five, and some other churches in the State have even more. We are glad to note that very many of the new organizations in the State are in Congregational churches. This real revival of inter- est is most encouraging.

PILGRIM BOYS' CHORUS

This new and vigorous organization of boys under the leadership of James and Ross Price traveled to Benicia, Saturday, camped in the church build- ing over two nights, and gave a most creditable concert on Sunday evening, which was well attended despite the heavy rain. There were fifty of them in the group and they are to be rein- forced by a great many more in the future, for such a wonderful institu- tion will draw large numbers to its membership. The ladies at Benicia proved equal to the task of feeding so large a delegation and had a good time in entertaining them. On Mon- day they were taken through the great tannery at Benicia and also through the arsenal. Our churches are going to know more about this young glee club, which is so strong on the glee. The pastor, Rev. T. Davis Preston, and his wife added much to the hos- pitality.

GOODSELL LUNCHEON

Since the last issue of the Pacific we have had the privilege of a brief visit from Rev. Fred Field Goodsell of Constantinople. Here in this coun- try to attend the great missionary meeting recently held in Washington, D. C., and to confer with the Ameri- can Board about the conduct of its work in the Near East, he came across the country to visit his parents in Berkeley. Mr. Goodsell was at the head of the School of Religion in Constantinople, in which were com- bined the three theological training schools in Turkey. This school is now removed to Athens and is under the charge of Rev. Ernest Pye, bro- ther of Watts O. Pye, Mr. Goodsell having been appointed Field Secre- tary for the work of the Board in the Near East.

To afford opportunity to hear Mr. Goodsell, a luncheon meeting was held on Wednesday, February 25th, at the First Congregational Church, San Francisco. One hundred and fifty ministers and other friends were pres- ent. The address of Mr. Goodsell was instructive and inspiring. He brought to us fresh information concerning affairs in Turkey. He described the ideals and attitude of the Turkish leaders in respect of religion and re- ligious instruction in the schools and the attitude and possible work of the missionary. He said that Turkish leaders thought of religion not as a matter of experience, but as associated with and a dominant factor in poli- tics; therefore, they had totally sep- arated the state from religion, for- bidding all religious instruction in schools, private as well as public.

Our American Board schools are filled with Turkish pupils. The mis- sionaries do their utmost to create a Christian atmosphere and instill into the mind Christian ideals and at the same time not transgress Turkish law. The missionary's hands are tied in respect of all religious propaganda. They teach by living and preach by serving. They do what they can to manifest the spirit of Christ and de- velop friendly contacts which it is hoped and believed will lead into wider avenues of distinctly Christian service.

Turkey presents the hardest mis- sionary problem in the world. It is exclusively a Congregational problem and responsibility. With men of Mr. Goodsell's calibre and consecration, with his more than 100 chosen and like-minded associates, and with the church at home unitedly and prayer- fully backing them, the problem of evangelizing Turkey will be solved.

OUR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Many inquiries are coming in con- cerning our next Conference. It has been moved ahead, as will be remem- bered from the October date to July 7 to August 3. With it will be com- bined a Young People's Institute, run- ning simultaneous but with their own program. The Conference program committee will begin their plans at once and when it is determined what we are to do about a religious educa- tion director, that part of the program will be set up. It is not too early to plan for these meetings. Some are making it a part of their summer va- cation. We will have more about this gathering next month.

DR. POND REVERENCED AT BIRTHDAY SERVICES

Delightful services were held in honor of Dr. William C. Pond on the occasion of his ninety-fifth birthday, by two San Francisco churches, Mis- sion Park and Bethany. It was meet that these churches should thus rec- ognize this "grand old man," as he had figured prominently in the found- ing and developing of these groups.

On Sunday, February 22, at the Bethany Church, the service centered around him who had led in the or- ganization of that little church in 1874 and had remained its pastor for thirty-two years. The following day, Mission Park celebrated the seventy- fifth year of Dr. Pond's arrival in San Francisco.

DR. ALBERT PALMER INSTALLED

We have the program of the instal- lation services of Dr. Palmer in the historic Oak Park Church of Illinois. Dr. William Horace Day preached the sermon. Other parts were taken by Dr. Ozora Davis, Dr. William E. Bar- ton, Dr. Hugh Elmer Brown and Dwight J. Bradley. We are also in receipt of the statement of religi- ous faith and experience given by Dr. Palmer at the installing Council. California is credited with having a large place in the heart of this vali- ant leader.

NEW LIBRARY TO BE BUILT

Pacific School of Religion Receives $100,000 Gift from S. F. Man

With the breaking of ground on Sat- urday afternoon, work on the new $100,000 library building, the first unit of the educational plant to be erected by the Pacific School of Religion at Le Conte and Scenic avenues, Berke- ley, has been started.

The library is the gift of Charles Holbrook of San Francisco, a former resident of Berkeley. The new admin- istration building, the second building of the unit, will also be started at once. It will cost another $100,000. It is expected that contracts for three dormitories will be let in the early summer.

When complete, the Pacific School of Religion will have one of the finest groups of buildings of any educational institution in the West. A beautiful chapel, which can be used by the en- tire community, will also be erected. The buildings will be of light face stone with red brick panels and trim- mings. The site on the hills north of the University of California commands a sweeping view of the Golden Gate and Berkeley.

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MURPHY

The Murphy Church is among the older churches of California, having been organized by Rev. J. H. Warren, our Home Missionary Superintendent, in September, 1866, with a membership of ten persons, all of whom have passed to the better life. Its first pastor was Rev. Caleb Morgan. Murphy, which was then known as Murphy's Camp, was a bustling little mining town of about 4000 souls. As mining declined its population steadily diminished and at this time will not exceed 300.

The little church has held steadily on its way through the years with a varying membership and varying fortunes, letting its lamp of faith shine until now. Its present membership is an earnest little group of praying men and women. It has a flourishing little Sunday School and a small Junior Endeavor Society.

Its greatest need is more people, or in other words, a larger community. So the church is hoping that the tide of emigration which has been flowing out, carrying away its people to other parts, will turn and bring many back to help strengthen it and make it a prosperous, growing church once more. Its present pastor is Rev. T. Magill, who has served it for over thirteen years.—T. M.

LOCKEFORD

Since last May we have had no pastor and several other helpful members have moved away; but the few who are left are loyal and faithful, knowing the Master has work for us to do.

The Sunday School has over 100 members enrolled in all departments: is well graded, and has a consecrated and very efficient corps of officers and teachers. The attendance and interest has not lagged.

Two Christian Endeavor Societies of about 20 members each meet every Sunday evening under good leadership.

The young people of the C. E. and S. S. presented the Christmas pageant, "The Spirit of the Christ." Everyone thought it the best they had ever seen or helped in. (We got the idea from the November "International Journal of Religious Education" and commend it to anyone wishing "a real Christmas" program.)

The young people are hoping to give the Easter pageant, "The Dawning," by Lyman R. Bayard (Pageant Publishers, 1206 S. Hill Street, Los Angeles).

We attend the worship service at the M. E. Church in the morning, but they have no evening service; so we feel we are rendering a real Christian service to the community in having Rev. A. H. Wessling, Lutheran pastor from Lodi, preach in our church every Sunday evening. He is a very able speaker and, best of all, he believes and preaches "God's Word is Truth." The people are eager to hear him.

The Christians of the community have been hoping to unite in one church organization. A satisfactory plan has not yet been worked out, but we have not wholly given up the idea. We hold well-attended Wednesday night cottage prayer meetings.

Our people were loyal to their pledges of last year, so we did much needed repairing and painting of church property, re-insured church and parsonage property for three years; and paid for a Heatrola and a DeVry moving picture machine.

RIPON

The First Congregational Church of Ripon, San Joaquin County, was organized in the year 1910, with a charter membership of 29. Its services were held for several years in the Brethren Church, the only available place at that time for religious services.

It struggled along in its infancy, with the ups and downs that usually follow in the wake of a new church planted in the midst of a community just coming into life. The rocks in front of it were many, but the persistency of its few charter members weathered the storms until such time as our beloved past pastor, Rev. J. J. Kelly, took charge of the ship's helm and with many obstacles then in his way, he not only proposed to build, but did build, the present Congregational Church, and also carried it to a financial success. He builded better than he thought, for its congregation and Sunday School classes have gradually grown to such an extent under the present pastor, Rev. I. Morse Dryer, that we are all compelled at this time to add an addition to the extent of doubling the capacity of the present church.

Financial difficulties may appear, but the persistent spirit of the membership and with the aid of God we will overcome all difficulties that may arise and continue the leading church of the community.—Mrs. A. Roberts, charter member.

SALIDA

The Salida Congregational Church School has been very active during recent months. Beginning with the summer vacation a birthday social was held each month in honor of those whose birthdays occurred during the month. At Thanksgiving the children staged an old time service and decorated the church with fruit and vegetables.

The Christmas activities consisted in a Christmas tree and program during the week, singing carols on Christmas morning, and a Christmas pageant on Sunday evening.

During January they have met every other Friday night and conducted a checker tournament, which has created much interest.

The Sunday morning sessions are well attended and the graded material used is not only interesting, but provides religious instruction which motivates Christian conduct.—F. C.

STOCKTON

The annual meeting of the Stockton Church showed that the work was in fine condition. The several societies reported numerous activities. During the past year there has been a decided increase in the attendance at the Sunday evening service, with a consequent increase in the plate collection. Accessions for 1924 were: by letter, 41; on confession of faith, 26. The nominating committee reported in addition to the regular officers, the names of sixteen members who are to serve on the New Church Building Committee.

A successful every member canvass has been concluded; it was preceded by an every member "friendly call" canvass.—C. H.

"PARSON GEORGE" SAYS

"The Friendly Little Church on the Corner" in Ceres is pegging away as ever, nothing "sky-rockety," but truly making its impression on the community. Our parish house—dedicated a year ago—is filling a real community need. During the month of February, for example, the parish house was used by the following organizations: the Ceres Board of Trade with its regular monthly banquet and business meeting; the Stanislaus-Merced Christian Endeavor Union, Executive Committee, with 200 present and "East"; W. C. T. U. luncheon and district rally; the Ceres Hi-Y group, regular Prof. W. D. Fuller of Modesto Junior meeting and Life Investment Talks by College on "Teaching"; and on "Journalism," by Mr. Dan Beeber, editor Morning Herald, Modesto; regular meeting place for Ceres Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts. Just mention parish house and all, young and old, know where to go. In addition to this the pastor is pastoral-counselor for the Stanislaus-Merced C. E. Union and officially related to a number of organizations. The pastor is now giving a series of Bible character studies Sunday mornings, the characters chosen by the audience. This is the fourth year of this series and it is still in favor. The prayer meetings are growing strong and we face the future with courage.

"THE CHURCH WITHOUT A STEEPLE"

The First Congregational Church of Ripon, organized in 1910, with an enrollment of 29 charter members, has had a long, hard, but successful struggle through the usual ups and downs that go to make the history of a new church in a new community.

Nineteen twenty-five opened with a bright outlook for the future of the organization. With the New Year came the desire and the necessity of expansion—more room. The result is being realized in the present enlarging of the auditorium and the converting of what was once the church parlors into well equipped Sunday School rooms.

Plans and specifications have been submitted and accepted and ways and means formulated for an addition to the present plant. This addition calls for a large social hall, class rooms and a fully equipped modern kitchen.

Older members and those associated with the church in other days can look back through the years and realize that their efforts have not been in vain, but that "He who appoints our pathway" has guided all along the journey, and that today instead of the few and the little interest, there has grown up a strong organization with an ever-increasing interest. One very encouraging feature of the work in view of its future is the fine spirit of co-operation and good will manifested throughout the entire community.—I. Morse Dryer, pastor.

LODI

The First Congregational Church held their annual dinner meeting and family dinner in January. About 200 enjoyed the repast. The enthusiasm shown and the reports given encouraged the members and the pastor. One hundred have united with the church during the present pastorate.

The church is being repaired and redecorated. The social hall has been newly equipped for work among young people. Preparations are under way for Easter. Many have shown a desire to unite with the church at that time. The choir gave a party the first of the year and made many new resolutions. One of the recent concerts enjoyed was given by the choir and students of the Seventh Day Adventists Academy (60 voices). The ladies of the church are working hard for a new carpet for the auditorium. The Sunday School has grown during the past year, having an average attendance of 202. Plans are under way for a larger average during the present year. All departments of the work are encouraged and expecting and undertaking larger things during the coming year.—C. H. S.

GOD'S SCULPTORS

(Dedicated to My Companions on the Voyage of Life)

The other day upon the shore
A stone I found. 'Twas smoothly slim.
The waves had rocked it, tossed it, washed it,
Rolled it along the rocky shores,
Ground it 'gainst others of its kind
'Till its roughness was all gone,
Sharp edges smooth and round;
Thus I saw it: storm carved, yet not marred.

As I looked, I pondered, rev'rently said:
"O, Master, of our restless lives,
Are storms and waves The Sculptors?
At Thy command to smooth rough edges,
To grind away our corners sharp,
To shape our lives by strain and storm?
May I then welcome The Messengers,
And willing be to voice Thy praise."

The stone I found was strangely beautiful.
I wondered much: "After life's storms are o'er,
And I find rest in the Harbor of Thy Love,
Wilt Thou find me thus beautiful?"

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DR. STARK GOES TO BIG CREEK

Dr. Lewis A. Stark of Gallup, N. M., arrived at Big Creek the last day of February that he might begin his work on March 1st. With his coming we are assuming an important missionary task that we hope will become an outstanding feature in the work of this conference. Dr. Stark is a diligent and efficient worker who has had most gratifying success in work with men. We welcome them to our fellowship. We want all to meet them at Asilomar at our annual conference.

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A FILIPINO MISSION

v. P. F. Royola, a student in Pa- School of Religion, and a pastor any years experience among his w countrymen, the Filipinos, in aii, has been developing a very ising work among Filipino agri- ural laborers and business men in nas and Specklesville under the ices of the American Missionary ciation.

nce the Filipino strike in the Ter- y of Hawaii there has been a iderable immigration to the main- . Large numbers have come to cities, but work has been hard to and only those in the country made much economic progress.

r. Royola has been asked to visit Filipinos in the Salinas district e a month, and the Filipino Ma- c lodge have asked him to make extra visit each month to serve heir chaplain. He has also been ted to serve the Filipino lodge in land. Masons in Catholic coun- s are often almost synoiamous Protestants. The Catholic lead- in Mexico and the Philippines call Protestants "Masonen." The Fili- os told Mr. Royola that they had Bible on the altar in their lodges they did not know what was in it wanted him to explain it to them.

here is a Filipino newspaper at inas, and the editors are very ndly and have given extensive pub- ty to Mr. Royola's work. The Fili- os have engaged a hall for his re- ous services, and are meeting all local expenses. They send around cks to bring in the men from out- g ranches and take him out to various camps for meetings in the k houses.

Ir. Royola reports that political in- est is strong among the Filipinos l he cleverly connects up religion h the political agitation among m, showing the necessity for edu- ion and Christianity if the Fili- os are to become a self-governing ple.

here are said to be more than five usand Filipinos in the Pacific Coast tes and there are likely to be many re as the strike agitation among large number in Hawaii is in- asing. Mr. Royola has been invited move his family on to the field and nd the summer vacation of the Pa- c School of Religion in an exten- e campaign of visitation and evan- lism. It is a most promising op- rtunity.

But the work is a new experiment the American Missionary Associa- n and is not a part of the budget. depends upon the judgment of our nstituency and their financial sup- rt whether the work shall be added the program of Oriental Missions. will require about five hundred dol- s to finance Mr. Royola's work for e summer, and that amount is not ailable in the year's regular appro- iations of the American Missionary ssociation. We have the chance to unch out into a logical and interest- g development of American Mis- onary Association work, and to inister in a very effective way to a w and growing element of our popu- tion. We could do it if friends in alifornia were interested to provide e extra five hundred dollars, and nother year this amount could be cluded in the budget if the Califor- a churches indicated their wish to ave the American Missionary Asso- ation take up this work, as they did out the Fort Bidwell Indian work.

It is to be hoped that the pastors our churches will come to know Mr. oyola and communicate with him or ith the American Missionary Asso- ation office concerning Filipinos com- g into their fields. The American Missionary Association is sincerely anxious to serve the churches in this new missionary responsibility if you give us a mandate and the financial backing to continue Mr. Royola in his interesting work.

Geo. W. Hinman.

WATCH LEGISLATION!

Every session of State legislation has to run the gauntlet of a number of pernicious bills that if discovered in time can be killed in committee by prompt action on the part of good churchmen who will register their opinions with the members of these committees.

We are being warned that it is important that we give careful consideration to Assembly Bills numbered 339, 503, 526, 789, 1129, and Joint Resolution numbered 14. Church authorities should give careful attention to Assembly Bill number 222, that will affect very seriously the interpretation of church property exempt from taxation. This amendment would exclude from churches all discussion of matters that have any relation to our political welfare. For instance, matters of prohibition, redlight abatement, outlawing of war and need for political, if discussed, would subject us to taxation. If you are interested, write your protest to Sidney T. Graves, Chairman of Committee on Revenue and Taxation, Assembly, Sacramento, Calif.

ALASKA STEREOPTICON HERE FOR DISTRIBUTON

During the past year there have been many requests coming into the Conference Office for the set of slides portraying "The Lure of Alaska," but it was impossible to meet these requests as the set was not available. This stereopticon has just been received and will be sent out to the churches on request.

D. V. B. S.

This is not a radio station. It is, however, a somewhat modern institution that is commanding universal attention and proving an effective method for religious education. It is the Daily Vacation Bible School. It can be used in large and small communities and runs usually for about six weeks in mid-summer. It is for children between the ages of 6 and 12, and is greatly enjoyed by the children. Arrangements for the summer schools should begin early and teachers secured. This office will gladly co-operate with those wishing to promote such school and we will be pleased to print a list, next month, of those who plan to conduct them this summer. Please send post card with announcement at early date. We print here a brief sketch of the daily program as a guide for organization of the work:

9:00 to 9:15 a. m.—Worship period and roll call.

9:15 to 10:30 a. m.—Bible study (including Bible stories, memorizing scripture passages, and expressional work, such as reproduction of stories in note books, pasting in suitable pictures and drawing of maps, coloring or dramatizing of stories.

10:30 to 10:50 a. m.—Recess with supervised play.

10:50 to 11:10 a. m.—Music period (teaching the great hymns of the church, including their history and an understanding of their message).

11:10 to 12:00 noon—Missionary stories and craft work. (These may be given on alternate days. Craft work including sewing, weaving, hammock making, etc.

BOOK ENDS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION THROUGH STORY TELLING, by Katherine D. Cather, is one of the most excellent Abingdon religious education texts. The work of a story writer of national reputation, it is a significant work both from the point of view of the story art and its religious use. The book, because of its splendid usefulness, is destined to make many friends. Pastors who preach children's sermons and teachers in church schools will find it a valuable addition to their library. The Abingdon Press. $1.00. Postage extra.

A BOOK OF SUNSETS is a lovely little volume from the pen of William L. Stidger. On a trip around the world he witnessed some sunsets of rare and wonderful beauty. He has attempted to capture them for his readers. There are some beautiful photographs contained in the little volume. Abingdon Press. $1.00 net.—F. W. M.

OUT-OF-DOORS WITH JESUS. William A. Quayle. The Abingdon Press. The title is well chosen. It describes the author's association "out-of-doors," by unobtrusive autobiographic detail here and there, in rare fellowship and communion with Jesus. Flashes of inspiration, suggestive exposition and poetic insight mark this study of Nature with the perfectly approachable and unique companion of life Jesus Christ. It adds considerably to the modern works that for want of a better name we have classed under "humanism," and not that there is any delimitation of the personality of the Companion. He is the author's companion on nature rambles, preaching journeys, country visits, and so this book enhances the study of personal experience. It is not a book of sermons, though they might easily spring from it; it is essentially devotional and practical rather than theological; it isn't a book of essays but a nature lover's rhapsody. His chapter-topics are suggestive. Jesus and the mountains; Jesus and the desert; the grapes; sun; sky; river; night, etc. I fell in love with new aspects of Nature as I stood under the mystery of hallowed night, saw again the drifting clouds sweeping across the blue sky, felt the spirit of the mountain heights, but when I read the chapter, "Jesus and the sun," ending with a telling story and these words, "Put out the lights— the sun is up." "That's simply perfect," I remarked! The scripture passages are quoted in full. The book would be suitable for a wide range of readers, on vacation, in the sick room, for quiet devotions when one has time to read a page and perhaps find oneself beguiled into finishing at least a chapter. And quite the right book for the minister to read in the quiet time, after a day's hard work, after meetings and visiting. Price $1.50 net; 223 pages.—A. B.

A YEAR OF PRIMARY PROGRAMS, by Lucy Stock Chapin. The Abingdon Press; price $2.00 net; 185 pages. Here is a book that the primary teacher looking for the best material will find profitable. In addition to well-explained reasons there are a number of good musical compositions within the voice compass and intelligence of primary children. It is a good book, very good. G. M.

BOOKS RECEIVED

———————, by Lucy Stock Chapin, The Abingdon Press; price $2.00 net; 185 pages.

Methodist Year Book, The Methodist Book Concern; price 50c net; 302 pages.

USE THIS BAROMETER OF APPORTIONMENT RECEIPTS

In this column will be shown the apportionment receipts for each month, beside a column showing the amount received for the corresponding month of last year. Whether or not your benevolences should be a gentle rain or a continue outpour may be determined by this barometer.

	1924	1925
January 10-31	$425.75	$682.00
February 1-28	2568.46	2894.24

NEAR EAST RELIEF

Able scientists and archeologists are now claiming that the real explanation of the decadence of the Greek civilization is malaria. It is true that malaria is to Greece what the hookworm is to certain sections of the South. The Near East Relief, in grappling with the problems of the health of the children under its care in Greece, has discovered the means of eliminating malaria from large areas. The methods it has developed are now being taken up by the Government and may become one of the largest contributing factors to the rejuvenation of Greece. This is but a by-product of Near East Relief activities, but it may bulk large in the minds of future historians in the contribution America will have made in Greece.

REV. CHARLES H. DAINS ILL

Word comes to us that Rev. C. H. Dains of Paradise is at Chico having undergone an operation for appendicities and also on the gall bladder. He is making some recovery, though he has been very ill as a result of these maladies.

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA CONGREGATIONAL CONFERENCE BENEVOLENCES

February 1-28th.

Adin	$ 5.55	
Alturas	2.63	
Berkeley, First	1282.65	
Campbell	3.33	
Ceres	59.19	
Cloverdale	40.00	
Eureka	35.15	
Fresno, First	73.61	
Grass Valley	16.72	
Hayward	20.00	
Oakland, First	365.98	
Oakland, Fruitvale	22.00	
Pacific Grove	57.00	
Petaluma	104.00	
San Francisco, First	500.00	
San Jose	100.00	
San Lorenzo	35.00	
San Mateo	17.18	
Santa Cruz	125.00	
Sonoma	18.75	
Woodside	10:50	$2894.24

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Annuity Fund	$ 26.15	
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Pac. Sch. of Rel.	78.47	
C. E. S.	156.92	
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CHURCH NEWS

Grass Valley—On Sunday, January 11th, the Grass Valley Church rededicated its building, which has been greatly improved, and for the first time dedicated windows and organ, which have just been installed. The auditorium of the building has been completely done over, using pressed steel for walls and ceiling with very effective decoration and lighting. The old windows have been replaced by attractive art glass memorial windows, and a new cathedral pipe organ with chimes has been installed.

Rev. E. O. Chapel, the pastor, arranged a splendid program for dedication. Rev. B. F. Sargent, former pastor of the church, was present and participated in the exercises. Dr. W. J. Minchin, State Superintendent, preached the dedicatory sermon in the morning, and Rev. Harley H. Gill of Sacramento preached in the evening. Large audiences attended both services. At the evening service the auditorium and Sunday School room were crowded, and a number of people could not find seats. The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper was observed as the closing event of the program.

Senator C. B. Bills of Sacramento made the trip to Grass Valley to extend congratulations upon the completion of the improvements.

Alameda, First—Unique invitations enclosing a red heart with the inscription "Come to our party," done in white lettering, were sent out to the children of the Primary Department of the First Congregational Sunday School of Alameda, R. Talmadge Rice, superintendent.

The large assembly hall was garlanded in smilax and red streamers from which paper hearts were attached. As the children assembled each was given a fantastical cap, while they stepped to a tuneful march played by the pianist. The rich coloring of the caps, soft glow of electric lights and mirthful glee of the children made a pretty picture as they were led in and out in serpentine effect.

In a corner of the room a large red heart with a spot in the center caused much merriment as each child with a pin and small heart was blindfolded and wandered forth to find the center. Games were played, such as matching divided hearts, hunt for candy hearts, etc. Prizes were awarded in the way of heart shaped boxes of candy and valentines. Ice cream and cake was served and the party to a conclusion with an impromptu program of songs and recitations.

Fresno, Pilgrim (Armenian)—At the last Communion, which was held as a part of the Watch Night Service on New Year's Eve, nine members were added to the church, of whom eight were received upon confession of faith.

On February 16th the church honored its pastor by celebrating his sixtieth birthday in a public fashion. A surprised minister, a chicken dinner, a huge birthday cake, a pleasing program of music and speeches, and the gift of a substantial check were some of the features of a memorable evening with 250 friends gathered around the tables.

On a recent Sunday a Brotherhood was organized with 25 charter members. It will function along the lines of Spiritual Life, Fellowship and Civic Duties.

The Missionary Society has a new set of officers and a more vigorous program. In conjunction with similar branches in sister churches in the State, it will engage in evangelistic work among the Armenian refugees scattered in Syria with Aleppo, Beirut and Damascus as chief centers of operation.

The pastor has declined a call to the newly formed Masis Congregational Church in Los Angeles.

Reno—Under the leadership of Rev. Charles H. Cleaves the work at Reno is reaching new heights. During January and February a School of Missions has been conducted with a supper each Wednesday evening, using Dr. Speer's book "Of One Blood," and with an average attendance of 40. A series of popular Sunday evening services entitled, "Are You Going to Marry?" have been attracting considerable newspaper comment and accomplished much good. Mr. Cleaves spoke on a recent Sunday morning on "If I Were Eighteen Again." He made it Vocational Day and regards it as one of the most effective morning services he has ever conducted. Evening audiences have been running to capacity. It is a well balanced program, touching all ages and many situations.

Bay Point—The annual church meeting was a supper affair with several interesting speeches and the usual reports and business. The church closed the year with an indebtedness of but $4. Rev. William Floyd ministers to this little church and hopes the time will come when it can have larger membership and support.

San Francisco, Mission Park—Is rejoicing in a new and powerful organization called the "Junior Choir." At present the number of members is 17 ranging in age from 7 to 14 years. A weekly practice is held, conducted by the pastor, Rev. Godfrey Matthews, who gives instruction in reading and tone production.

The choir sings an anthem in the morning service every Sunday and has reached such a stage of perfectness in reading, blend, and tone as to cause gratified comment from a great host of people.

Mr. Matthews hopes shortly to be able to report that the choir numbers forty voices, and when that stage of growth arrives the Juniors will be trained for some work with the senior choir of the church. By Easter Sunday it is expected that the combined choirs will unite in singing together the "Hallelujah Chorus" from Handel's "Messiah."

The interest of the youngsters in their work is most marked and their appearance in Sunday morning service calls forth an attendance of about fifty other children and young people who have not habitually attended the morning service.

San Francisco, First — Thirty-nine new members were welcomed into the church March 1, nineteen of them united by letter and twenty on confession of faith.

Fresno, First—During the lenten season Rev. T. T. Giffen will give a series of morning sermons on "Persistent Issues of the Christian Religion." These themes are old, but ever new. They demand continuing study and new interpretation in the light of the new day:

Christianity and Its Founder, Christianity and the Personal Ideal, Christianity and the Church, Christianity and the Race Question, Christianity and Other Religions. Palm Sunday, Christianity and Social Righteousness. Good Friday, Christianity and the Cross. Easter, Christianity and the Great Hope.

Sunday evening sermons will be based on "The Bible in an Age of Science."

Santa Cruz—Ten new members were received into the church on March 1.

MINISTER'S CLUB PROGRAM

During March the Minsters' Club is scheduled to offer the following addresses at their regular Monday meetings which are held at 11 a. m. in the First Congregational Church; unless other announcement is made:

March 9, Mrs. Helen Street Ranney, "The Washington Missionary Conference."

March 16, 6:30 p. m., Fellowship meeting with Rev. Godfrey Matthews at Mission Park Church, San Francisco, Dolores and Nineteenth Streets.

March 23, President Bayard Dodge, American University, Beirut, Syria.

March 30, "Our Evangelistic Message" (tentative), President Herman F. Swartz.

BERKELEY CHINESE ACTIVITIES

During the past month the boys have been doing many things for the Sunday School, they have succeeded in defeating all the other basketball teams in the Sunday School League. By this victory, they have added another permanent trophy to their already growing collection. The boys feel that the pennant and the cup are the least of the benefits gained while playing. They feel that the spirit of good sportsmanship and cooperation are far better than the actual trophy gained.

In the English Club of the Mission, the boys have been devising many new ways to aid them in learning to speak the language correctly. These improvements over the old way of conducting meetings are being tried out at present.

During the preparation for the Chung Mei Bazaar, the boys did quite a lot of work. The Bazaar was held to raise funds for a new home for the little Chung Mei boys. Our boys did all they could in the way of conducting and managing certain features of the bazaar. The girls also proved themselves able assistants.

T. Gee.

WHAT IS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION?

1. It is information applied to conduct resulting in Christian social living.
2. It is the process of producing efficient Christian living.
3. It results in enlarged spiritual experiences.

WHAT IS WEEK-DAY CHURCH SCHOOL?

1. It is one of the sessions of the church school for religious education.
2. It has two forms, viz.:

(a) "Free Time"—That is any time aside from Sunday, and the hours of the public school day.

(b) "Released Time"—That is time granted from the hours of the public school day, in which pupils whose parents or guardian so request may be excused to go to their respective churches or to a selected church to receive instruction in religion.

It is to this second form reference is made. When pupils are excused at the request of parents or guardian they are required to attend the church school designated.

WHAT SUCCESS DOES THE WEEK-DAY CHURCH SCHOOL HAVE IN SECURING PUPILS

From 85 to 95 out of every 100 pupils enrolled in the public school grades affected are enrolled in the Week-Day Church School. In a few schools as low as 60% of the pupils in grades affected attend, but in many schools more than 95% are enrolled.

Illustration: Kansas City, Kansas, October to May 1923-1924:

Total number of pupils in the 8 grades	10,000
Average enrollment in week-day church schools	8,700 plus
Average attendance	7,400
Average attendance after 1st month	8,300 plus
Total enrollment in Sunday Schools of same age in October, 1923, was	4,330
Increase in Sunday School enrollment from the week-day church school	1,326
Average attendance of Sunday School, October, 1923. Approximate	3,000

WHY DO PUPILS GO?

1. It is a new experience.
2. It does not lose its charm with time.
3. They have chosen to go, usually urging parents to request permission.
4. It is group psychology: In a room of 60 pupils, if 45 or more go, the others desire to.
5. The program is full of material that meets the unconscious need or hunger of the soul.

WHAT IS THE LEGAL SITIATION?

1. Three states have passed legislation granting released time, viz.:
   South Dakota—1 hour.
   Minnesota—1 to 3 hours.
   Iowa—1 or more hours per week.
2. Fourteen states are using released time under existing permission laws. Three states have held schools under supposed permission legislation and it has been withdrawn. These three states are New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Idaho. Twelve states are considering bills to authorize released time. Four states had bills asking for released time defeated in 1923. Three of these were defeated because of lack of information. One was defeated by riders added to an otherwise acceptable bill.

IN NO CASE WAS THERE ANY ORGANIZED OPPOSITION.